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SMYRNA CRISIS.

HARBOUR CLOSED WITH MINES.

WARNING TO TURKS.

PARIS, February 8.
It is reported from Constantinople that the Turkish
time limit having expired Smyrna harbour has been
closed with mines though merchantmen can enter aided
by pilots.

VICE-ADMIRAL NICHOLSON ARRIVES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 8.
Vice-Admiral Nicholson in the light cruiser
"Caracas" entered Smyrna in the morning unopposed.
He landed and interviewed the Turkish commander. It
is understood that he informed the Turks of the decision
of the powers not to recognise the restriction in
Turkish ports until after the signature of the Peace.
He warned them that he had orders to return fire in
case of a hostile act.

The High Commissioners have handed Ankara a
fresh note demanding the withdrawal of the recent
order.

PUBLIC FEELING EXCITED.

The Turkish newspapers view the crisis gravely and
it is reported from Ankara that public feeling is very
excited. The Council of Ministers is sitting continu-
ously. The press, unanimously demanding that the
national pact be upheld, declares that Ismet's concessions
at Lausanne must be annulled.

OBITUARY.

SIR JOSEPH WALTON.

LONDON, February 8.
The death of Sir Joseph Walton F.R.G.S.I. is
announced.
[Sir Joseph Walton travelled extensively in China
and Japan, among many other countries. In 1900 he
published "China and the Present Crisis."]

BOTH WELL.

ROYAL MOTHER AND HER SON.

LONDON, February 8.
Princess Mary and her son are well. Princess Mary
had a comfortable night and her condition is quite
satisfactory.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

NEW MINISTRY FORMED.

MELBOURNE, February 8.
Mr. Bruce has announced the successful forming of
a composite ministry in conjunction with the Country
Party.

FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO RIO.

NEW YORK, February 8.
Hinton, aboard a seaplane has arrived at Rio de
Janeiro thus completing the flight from New York.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MUI TSAI BILL.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

Sir,—It seems to me that yesterday
afternoon's discussion in Council on
clause 2 of the above Bill left matters
in a very inconclusive state as to the
practice which has been followed by
the Office of the Chinese Secretariat
in regard to the redemption by a
parent of a girl whom he had trans-
ferred to an employer in return for a
money payment.
"On this vital point there is only one
Member of the Legislative Council
who can clear things up, namely, the
Secretary for Chinese Affairs."
It is conceivable that he will be
able to tell us that if a parent came
into his Office and asked for the
return of his or her daughter from
the employer, without making any
arrangement in the employer, that the
Officials of the Chinese Secretariat
would tell the employer, in defiance
of all Chinese custom, that he had to
surrender his daughter without making
any payment!

If such Officials took that course
they would obviously be infringing
the terms of Captain Elliot's Warrant
of the 20th April, 1843, according to
the first Administrative Order of the Government
of Hong Kong, according to the
law, which, at the time of the
cession, was the only law in force.
The only law in force at the time
of the cession was the "Crown
Colonies Ordinance" (No. 1 of 1842).
Under this Ordinance, the
Government, such Officials, if they

had adopted such a course, would
have been parties to something very
like sharp practice on the part of the
parent.

For the above reasons, I state quite
cautiously that it will be very difficult
indeed to convince me that the
practice of the Chinese Secretariat
(and that practice is the vital part of the
matter) has been to absolutely fly in
the face of a Chinese custom which is
several thousand years old.
I can well see that it does not suit
the purpose of the Hong Kong Govern-
ment to admit that clause 2 of the Bill
will make any difference to the pos-
sibility of a girl being sold, as it has existed all
along, but I emphatically cannot agree
with that view.
I am writing this letter to the Press
with the view of giving to the Secre-
tary for Chinese Affairs the longest
notice possible of the point which I
deem him to clear up at the next
Meeting of the Legislative Council.
Yours, etc.
H. B. FELLOWS.

Hongkong February 9, 1923

Louis Ron Chen, an Australian
Chinese, Manager of the Plainsville
Mastell Co., 118, Des Voeux Road,
Central, has been admitted into the
Government Civil Hospital, suffering
from a bulbar paralysis caused by an
influenza virus which he contracted
yesterday evening at the age of 35.
He is now in the 11th ward, Room 11.
He does not think he will be able to
leave the hospital.

IRISH HOPES.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER SUGGESTED.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED.

DUBLIN, February 8.
It is officially announced that Liam Deasy, the
deputy Chief of the Irregulars, who was arrested on
January 18 and was sentenced to death has signed an
undertaking to assist in the immediate unconditional
surrender of arms and men and has asked the leaders of
the Irregulars including De Valera to give a similar
undertaking. All negotiations have accordingly been
suspended until to-morrow morning pending develop-
ments.

RAILWAYMEN FOR RUHR.

4,500 LEAVING PARIS.

PARIS, February 8.
Some 4,500 railwaymen, all volunteers, are leaving
for the Ruhr to-morrow, according to Le Temps.

BUBBING IT IN.

BERLIN, February 8.
A semi official statement from Beckinghausen
says that eight policemen were arrested for refusing to
salute occupation officers.

Tanks cleared the market square where a crowd was
singing patriotic songs.

WHITECHAPEL BY ELECTION.

TRANSPORT WORKERS' PRESIDENT WINS.

LONDON, February 8.
The Whitechapel by-election caused by the decease
of the Labourite member Mr. Mathew K. C. resulted as
follows:
Mr. Harry Gosling (Labour)..... 8,896.
Killey (Liberal)..... 6,198.
Holden (Prohibitionist)..... 189.
[Mr. Harry Gosling is President of the National
Transport Workers' Federation.]

ANOTHER HOPEFUL SIGN.

LONDON, February 8.
Another hopeful sign is officially announced in
Dublin. A number of prisoners in Limerick claiming to
represent six hundred have written suggesting that in
view of the tremendous wastage of blood in the present
struggle four prisoners be permitted to proceed on parole
to the leaders outside to urge them to end the present
war of extermination, all executions being meanwhile
suspended.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, February 8.
Dutch East Indies scrip attained a premium of 3 1/2
per cent.
French francs closed at 74/65, Belgium francs at
84/65, lire at 96 1/2, marks at 152,000/187,000 and
sterling at 4/67 1/2.

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MR. VICTOR PRINCE.

Mr. Victor Prince, the clever
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Royal to-morrow was, it appears, born
in Hongkong. The suspicious event
occurred while his parents were here
with "one of the wandering companies
which occasionally visit our shores."
Mr. Prince possesses a cheery person-
ality and his "footlight" experience
ranges from the drama to Grand
Opera. He is something of a prodigious
and, in partnership with Sir Benjamin
Fulker, has produced a number of
successful plays in Australia. Later
on, it is understood, he will bring a
company of his own out here. One
of his biggest successes so far on the
present tour has been his performance
as "Theodora T. Hopper" in the new
American musical comedy "Kathleen."
The exclusive rights of which have
been purchased by Messrs. J. O.
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N. LUND,

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HONGKONG, January 25, 1923.

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THE NEIGHBOURS.**UNCONSIDERED TRIFLES.**

Jones had neighbours. Any movable, unstable, horrible thing that Jones owned, bought by the sweat of his ledger torturing pen, had been borrowed and used by the neighbours. Nothing was sacred—they'd even borrowed a few of his Orpingtons when the fruit was four shillings a dozen. The worst of the business was that Kate, abetted the borrowers. What-
ever was needed Kate could supply.

When Jones arrived home Kate was always waiting with a long wail about "that cat, Mrs. Borridge"—the female half of the "said-you-lend-us" chorus.

When Kate had finished dissecting Mrs. Borridge's faults and failings she'd round the exposition off by "And she had the cheek to borrow my iron to-day!" or "Her husband asked her to borrow your trouser press!"

Jones in his wrath and perplexity would inquire "What the devil do you lend her things for if you don't like her?" His only answer would be the echo of his query. Thus it went on for many weeks.

Then the limit was reached. Bro. Jones was due at the lodge at 8 one evening. Working late he tucked home gulped his dinner down, felt his chin, looked at the clock, and decided he had time. His face was nicely lathered when he made the discovery. Kate was folding the table cloth when her spouse rushed into the kitchen.

She gave one look, then started to creep out of the room.

"Where's—where's that new strop?" howled Jones, following.

"Oh," said Kate, "is that it? Why, Mr. Borridge borrowed it after you left this morning. He said—"

Then Kate realized she was addressing space. The sudden slam of the front door informed her that Jones had gone out. Three minutes later the sound of angry voices came to her. Then Jones returned.

DEVoured BY WOLVES.**GRIM TRAGEDY OF FAR NORTH.**

Despatches from Port Arthur, Ontario, report that three men have been killed and devoured by a band of timber wolves at Ignace, in the Far North fur-trapping district. An old man, who, with his two sons, had been for many years engaged in trapping through the Ignace district, proceeded by dog train to the post-office fifty miles distant. They were not heard from after leaving the post-office. Later the postmaster persuaded a couple of Indians to follow the sled-trail. They found evidences of a severe fight in the snow, the bones of the trapper and dogs being picked clean, evidently by a pack of wolves. The Indians returned to the post-office, and securing rifles and other arms, proceeded to hunt the wolves, being attracted by the heavy bounty and also the considerable value of the skins. But the Indians also vanished.

A search-party found their bones within a few miles of a small bush settlement, where apparently they had made a desperate fight with a large band of wolves. Having exhausted their ammunition, they were killed and eaten, following a fight at close quarters, while the remains of sixteen wolves were lying in the snow around the scene of the tragedy.

Several times during the present winter similar tragedies have been reported from outlying districts in the frozen Northland, where timber wolves, apparently deprived of their usual food supplies, are unusually ferocious. Generally speaking, they seldom attack men, and it is almost impossible for experienced trappers even to sight them.

"Think of you! What the—!" Kate was sobbing hard now.

"Mr. Borridge is a traveller for a big milliner, and he lends me a new strop! When I go out in the afternoon! Now you've spoilt it you—!"

Then the "brute" remembered that he had seen a hat bill for months. He also remembered that he'd ordered a new suit two days before, and that all his money was tied up. He did a bit of quick calculating, got the answer, sighed, and turned about-face.

NEW ARMY HEADS.**PROMOTION FOR GENERAL HARRINGTON.**

The following military appointments are announced:—

Lieut. Gen. Sir Walter Campbell to be Quartermaster-General to the Forces, in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sir Travers E. Clarke, who vacates his appointment on March 16, 1923.

Lieut. Gen. Sir J. P. Neel Birch to be Master-General of the Ordnance, in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sir John P. de Cane.

General Sir George F. Milne to be Commander-in-Chief Eastern Command, in succession to General Lord Home (June 1, 1923).

Lieut. Gen. Sir Charles H. Harrington to be Commander-in-Chief Northern Command, in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sir F. Ivor Maxse (June 1, 1923).

Lieut. Gen. Sir Walter P. Braithwaite to be Commander-in-Chief Scottish Command, in succession to General Sir Francis J. Davies (June 1, 1923).

Lieut. Gen. Sir John P. de Cane to be Commander-in-Chief Western Command, in succession to Lieut. Gen. Sir H. de Beauvoir de Lisle (October 1, 1923).

Lieut. Gen. Sir Richard O. B. Haking to command the British troops in Egypt, in succession to General Sir Walter Congreve, V.C., who has been appointed to the Southern Command with effect from April 6, 1923.

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OWING to the stoppage of the Peak Tramway Service from 10 p.m. on the 10th inst., to 7 a.m. on the 12th inst., Motor Vehicles will be permitted to use the New Road to the Peak as far as Stewart Terrace from 6 p.m. on the 10th inst., to 10 a.m. on the 12th inst.

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MEMBERS and FRIENDS are reminded that the GALA DAY in connection with the Opening of the NEW BOWLING LAWN takes place on SATURDAY, 10th February, when a very interesting Programme has been arranged.
The COMMODORE and MRS. LOWE will be "AT HOME" from 8 p.m.
D. K. BLAIR, Vice-Commodore.
Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

DANCING.
PALACE HOTEL, KOWLOON.
The Popular JAZZ-QUARTET or H. M. S. "TITANIA" will play at the above Hotel on SATURDAY 10th.
DANCING 9 P.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL AARON GUBBAY late of Victoria Hongkong Exchange Broker deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 3 of 1897) made an order limiting the time for sending in claims to and against the above estate to the 28th day of February 1923. Creditors and claimants are hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned by the above date.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1923.
DEACON HARTON & SHENTON, Proctors for the Executor
1 Des Voeux Road Central, HONGKONG.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERPORT GAME.
Hongkong v. Shanghai Saturday, February 17th.
Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
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Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
Admission to Stands:—Both games.
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Hongkong, February 1, 1923.

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INTIMATIONS.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on SATURDAY the 10th of February, 1923, at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ended 31st December 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 1st February 1923 until Saturday, the 10th February, 1923, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, January 23, 1923.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th Feb., 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 12th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, January 24, 1923.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Building, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 5th February to TUESDAY, 13th February both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO. LTD.
General agents for
THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO. LTD.
Hongkong, January 23, 1923.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 4, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 29th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., on TUESDAY, February 20th, 1923, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1922.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, February 8th 1923 to Tuesday, February 20th, 1923, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

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INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 15th February, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1922.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th February 1923, both dates inclusive.
DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, General Managers.
Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th February 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 12th February to Saturday 24th February 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 27th February 1923, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 17th February, 1923, until TUESDAY, 27th February, 1923, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, February 8, 1923.

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Two Lots of CROWN LAND at Waterloo Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.		Boundary Measurements.		Annual Rent.	
No. of Lot.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.
1.	Waterloo Road, between Waterloo Road and Waterloo Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
2.	Waterloo Road, between Waterloo Road and Waterloo Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Hang in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.		Boundary Measurements.		Annual Rent.	
No. of Lot.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.
1.	Tai Hang, between Waterloo Road and Waterloo Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 12th day of February, 1923, at 3 p.m. at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Causeway Bay in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.		Boundary Measurements.		Annual Rent.	
No. of Lot.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.
1.	Causeway Bay, between Waterloo Road and Waterloo Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENT.
February 9.—Coronet Theatre: Doris Keane in "Romance." World Theatre: Ralph Ince in "Out of the Snows." Kowloon Theatre: The Little Clown.
February 9.—Star Theatre: Bandman's Eastern Circuit Ltd. present Kaci's Royal Hawaiian Troubadours: "Hawaiian Dreams."
February 10.—Theatre Royal: The Great Australian Theatrical Firm, J. C. Williamson Ltd. present their Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. Opening Performance "The Gondoliers."
February 10.—Dancing at Palace Hotel, Kowloon 9 p.m.
February 11.—Coronet Theatre: "Trumpet Island."
February 12.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. "Trial By Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore."
February 13.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. "Pirates of Penzance."
February 14-15.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. "The Yeoman of the Guard."
February 16.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. "Iolanthe."

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

February 12.—Lammett Bros. breaking up collection of about 800 picked stamps, Sales Rooms, 5.15 p.m.
February 12.—Three pieces of Crown Land at Causeway Bay, Tai Hang and Waterloo Road respectively. P.W.D. at 3 p.m.
February 13.—Lammett Bros. valuable household furniture, typewriter, two riches and an astronomical telescope, Sales Rooms, 11 a.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

February 10.—Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Gala Day in connection with the opening of the New Bowling Lawn, when Commodore and Mrs. Lowe will be "at home" from 3 p.m.
February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Interport Game, Hongkong v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.
February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Interport Game, South China v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.
February 19.—St. Andrew's Church Men's Association Annual Marathon Race at 4 p.m.
February 28.—First day of Jockey Club's race meeting.
March 1.—Second day of Jockey Club's race meeting.
March 2.—Third day of Jockey Club's race meeting.
March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 10.—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., annual general meeting at Hongkong Hotel, 10.30 a.m.
February 10.—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., 28th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders at St. George's Building 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.
February 13.—Hongkong and Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., meeting at Co.'s office 54, Des Voeux Road, noon.
February 13.—34th ordinary meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co. Ltd., Victoria Buildings, at 11.30 a.m.
February 15.—Union Waterboat Coy., Ltd., 18th annual meeting, Dodwell and Co.'s office, 11.30 a.m.
February 20.—36th Annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd. at noon.
February 24.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ordinary yearly meeting, City Hall, noon.

FLOWER SHOW.

February 22.—Annual flower and vegetable show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

HOWARD OF COLDS.

Children are much more likely to contract the dangerous disease when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

"THE BACHELOR GIRL"

PUNISHING AN AUTHOR.

M. Victor Marguerite, Commander of the Legion of Honour, the French novelist, whose recent work "La Garconne" (the Bachelor Girl) has been the subject of criticism for its alleged immorality, has been found guilty of conduct unbecoming a member of the Legion of Honour by the Council of that Order. A decree has been drawn up expunging his name from the list of members. This now awaits the signature of the President of the Republic.
This is the second time in 50 years that action has been taken against a member of the Order. A number of eminent French writers have condemned M. Marguerite's novel, but others, including M. Anatole France, noted that the action taken by the Council of the Legion, in consequence of the assurance of the book, is arbitrary and contrary to the liberty of the novelist to describe society as he sees it.
M. Marguerite, who declined to defend his work before the Council, announced that he would appeal to the Council of State, which corresponds to the British Privy Council.

YOUNG LOVERS' DEATH LETTERS.

GIRL'S GROUNDLESS FEAR.

Letters left by William Stanley, 18, grocer's assistant, and his sweetheart, Doris Lever, 15, domestic servant, who were found dead together beside a gas oven at a house in Chichester-road, Croydon, were read at the inquest at Croydon.
Inspector M. Perkins said that he found two letters and a note on the boy and one in the pocket of the girl.
The letters were as follows:—
Dear Mother,—I have come to the conclusion that the end is near. I am very sorry to have to do this, but I think it is the best way out. I leave what I have got to you to keep in remembrance of me. Give my love to Daddy and the rest. I cannot say any more as I cannot think straight.—Your Loving Son, Billy.

A joint note read:—
It is our wish that we will both be buried in the same grave as one another.
The girl's letter addressed to her sister read:—
Dear Kitty,—I have come to the conclusion that my life is really not worth living: so this is the end. In an undated letter to the boy the girl suggested that in a certain eventuality she would have to go through the court or poison herself. It was stated that there was no sign of pregnancy in the girl.
The jury returned a verdict in each case of Suicide while of Unsound Mind. The foreman said that it was clear the girl was greatly troubled about what she believed to be her condition, and her troubles preyed upon the young man's mind.

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ALDERMAN DIBBLE MOVED ROUND THE END OF THE TABLE TOWARDS ALDERMAN SOLOMON, and hissed, "You dirty dog—you cannot prove what you say. Put up your hands!"

"That's right, give him one," said Alderman Turtill.
Alderman Dibble moved round nimbly, and, measuring his man with fine precision, shot out his left. It was a staggering blow, the tips of his fingers just reaching Alderman Solomon's cheek. The victor of the attack caused Alderman Solomon to reel backwards, and he nearly broke his spectacles. Recovering quickly, he buttoned up his coat and commenced to make signs and paces.

Alderman Morgan and several others left the chamber, and when Alderman Solomon found that his glasses were safe he sat down. The other aldermen then strolled to their places at the table, and the council went on to elect the Mayor.

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pointed out, expected a far bigger haul than \$50,000 among nearly seventy men; and were perhaps even luckier to secure this much from a Sunday excursion steamer. They believed a very large sum was on board; in fact, as Mr. Wolfe confirmed, the opium monopoly money, nearer \$500,000 than \$50,000. The moral is plain—the greater the possible booty, the greater the extreme pirates will take. And now, even the very day the Commission's report is published, pirates are found ready to brave the added risks resulting from the stricter precautions adopted since the "Sui An" coup and plan the capture of the "Fatahon," principally, if not solely, because the presence of wealthy refugees makes the vessel a richer prize.

Now many people carrying valuables think themselves safe travelling as ordinary Sunday trippers. They prefer to take the risk that entails rather than apprise the desperate that treasure is aboard by having extra guards placed about the ship. But since it is difficult in the East almost impossible, indeed, to keep the presence of valuables secret, it follows that every time people carry treasure unbeknownst to the authorities they are making the ship a special mark for pirates. Sure this practice endangers the whole ship it should be made an offence and heavy penalties should be imposed. How- ever stringent the precautions the Commission's recommendations may introduce, piracy can never be wholly eliminated. The Commission itself declares the root of the evil is outside the waters of the Colony. Consequently, with the disorders in the neighbouring Chinese territories showing every sign of continuing indefinitely, the necessity for taking very precaution against piracy becomes acute. Therefore, when the Commission's recommendations come before the Legislative Council for enactment it is to be hoped that Mr. Wolfe's important suggestion will receive the attention it deserves. The strength of the chain lies in its weakest link. The existing regulation requires that the Captain Superintendent of Police shall be notified when treasure is being carried. Unless neglect is made a punishable offence, that link in the piracy prevention chain will be very weak indeed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

BIRTHS

ENCARNACAO.—On February 3, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Encarnacao, a son.

BREWER.—On February 4, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brewer, twins (boy and girl).

CLARK.—On February 4, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clark, a son.

DENTON.—On February 4, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. E. Denton, a son.

DEATHS

SCHROTH.—On February 3, 1923, at Shanghai, William J. Schroth.

WEBSTER.—On December 22, 1922, in a Nursing Home, Edinburgh, after a short illness, Mrs. Webster, wife of Dr. James Webster, U.S. Mission, Edinburgh, and late of Manchuria, China.

KIRKLAND.—On January 29, 1923, at Shanghai, from double pneumonia, Lawrence Henry Kirkland.

HOPWOOD.—On February 2, 1923, at Ningpo, Louisa Mary Hopwood, of the Christian Mission, aged 79 years.

Indian guards. Obviously censured for the Master, and officers was inevitable—Commission's investigation marine mishaps are traditionally severe and the piracy regulations, however unsuitable, had clearly not been observed. Manifest also was it that these regulations would have to be entirely scrapped and new ones framed. The conflicting demands of the piracy regulations, the fire regulations, and the Board of Trade regulations made this imperative. Separate defence measures for each ship, were obviously required, and will now doubtless be found in the Commission's proposed "citadel of defence," fortified and garrisoned, the officers armed and the guards specially trained men.

The report does not favour making wireless obligatory for either river or ocean steamers, owing to the prohibitive cost. That decision will doubtless revive much controversy and the question is sure to follow whether costly attacks might not make wireless the cheaper choice. However, three factors govern the matter—so far as river steamers are concerned, anyway. The Commission's recommendations, given effect, will appreciably reduce the risk of piracy. Without patrols able to make prompt response to distress signals wireless is largely valueless. With patrols—and these the report suggests—present signals will be quite adequate. Regarding police searching, steam hoses, and other incidental aspects, the report largely confirms expectations. Likewise it merely affirms what everyone knows when it declares China's disorders the root of the whole evil.

Thus the report, taken generally, follows obvious lines—with one important exception. Beyond mildly observing (almost incidentally, too!) that additional guards should be obtained from the Police Department when it is expected treasure will be carried, the report completely ignores the vital question of special motive. This omission is the more surprising because apart from the China Mail's repeated emphasis, the Captain Superintendent of Police, himself not less, very strongly urged the necessity for a new regulation making it an offence for persons to incur "the very grave" risk of taking large sums aboard without first informing the authorities for them to take any extra precautions they might deem necessary. The pirates did not seize the "Sui An" simply as a Macao excursion steamer; the risk would have been quite disproportionate to the prospective booty. Obviously the gang, as the China Mail promptly

The Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., announces in an advertisement that the service will be suspended after the 10 p.m. car to-morrow until the 7 a.m. car on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphreys returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Empress of Australia" after a long absence in England. Mr. J. H. Taggart also returned from a brief trip to Shanghai.

A time-table of bus service to the Peak during the week end, is published in an advertisement of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., appearing in the "New Advertisements" columns of this issue.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. L. O. Ng, of No. 32, Morrison Hill Road, to Miss Mabel Edna Muro, of No. 29, Morrison Hill Road, elder daughter of Mr. Masuo of the Eastern Asbestos Co., Ltd.

Captain Farnlow of the China Navigation Co. reports that during the voyage from Shanghai to Amoy he met with a strong moon and picked up six survivors from the crew of a Changchow junk which had been wrecked by the gale. The men were landed at Amoy.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. inform us that they have received a cable from their Shanghai Agents, advising the following declaration of Dividend—Shanghai Loan & Investment Co., Ltd., Langkats, have declared a Dividend of Tls. 0.25 per share. New Engineering & Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Dividend of Tls. 0.60 per share. Net Profit, Tls. 266,690.

A money-changer's shop at Aberdeen was entered by three men armed with revolvers yesterday evening when \$100 in change that was being handed to a customer and between two and three hundred dollars from the till were taken. The robbery made off in the direction of Wanchai Gap Road, firing several shots at a crowd of pursuers.

Another robbery has been reported from Yuenai, the victim being a Chinese married woman at 33, Shanghai Street. On entering a room to discover the cause of a noise she was seized from behind by a man who swung from beneath a table. After being bound and gagged she was placed on her back while the sum was rifled. Money and property to the value of \$50 was taken.

MUI TSAI BILL.

SYSTEM MUST GO.

SECRETARY FOR STATISTICS.

SECOND READING DEBATE.

The pros and cons of the Mui Tsai Bill were argued at length at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council when the second reading of the measure was considered. A full report of the debate follows:—

BRITISH UNOFFICIALS' VIEWS.

HON. MR. POLLOCK.

After the motion for the second reading had been moved and seconded by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., said:—
Your Excellency, as the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, I have been asked by my British colleagues to address this Council on the subject of this Bill. What I am saying, therefore, must be regarded as our joint views. The Senior Chinese Unofficial Member will address the Council on behalf of himself and his Chinese colleagues. I should add that the Chinese Members of Council concur in and support what I am about to say, and that the British Unofficial Members also concur in what the Senior Chinese Unofficial Member has about to say on behalf of the Chinese Members.

We regret to find that a great deal of misunderstanding has gathered round this subject. The Mui-tsai system is neither so benevolent as the more extreme of its supporters have sought to maintain, nor, on the other hand, is it so wholly wanting in good points as the opponents of the system are wont to believe, and we are content to accept the following language of the Attorney-General in moving the first reading of this Bill:— "Many of the mui-tsai—those that the majority are content with their lot and are fairly well off." We, therefore, start with a system which, viewed as a whole, has not worked badly, which has been practised in China for several thousands of years right up to the present time, and which has its root in a superstition of daughters due to the ancestor worship imposed on a man's oldest son as a filial duty (medical science not yet having discovered any means whereby a parent can select the sex of the child whom it is desired to bring into the world).

Whist, however, we regret to find that the evils of the working of the system have been grossly exaggerated to the detriment of the good name of this Colony. We agree with all the provisions for the protection of mui-tsai from ill-treatment which are contained on the present Government Bill, and are prepared, as will presently appear, to make these provisions against cruelty even stronger than they are at present.

Clause 2 of the Bill is all-important, and may justly be regarded as the charter of freedom of the mui-tsai, for it shatters at one blow the mui-tsai system, as defined by Chinese custom, and as it has existed for some thousands of years. The "certain persons" referred to in that clause as the persons who have "erroneously supposed that the payment of money in return for the transfer of a female child confers certain rights over her" are the three or four hundred millions of Chinese who compose the inhabitants of China.

NEW CLAUSES SUGGESTED.

Clause 5 which provides for the good treatment of mui-tsai is, as far as it goes, good, but it does not go far enough, and we shall suggest, in Committee, with the view of protecting mui-tsai from gross cruelty the insertion of the following clauses:—

"In every prosecution for overwork or ill-treatment of a mui-tsai medical evidence shall be given before the Magistrate trying the case as to the injuries received by such mui-tsai, and the Magistrate shall find whether such ill-treatment, amounted, in his opinion, to gross cruelty or not."

"In the event of such Magistrate finding that such ill-treatment amounts to gross cruelty, the offender shall not be given the option of paying a fine but shall be sentenced by the Magistrate to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year."

In our view the strict enforcement of such a charge against gross cruelty to mui-tsai is what is really required, and a few cases of imprisonment with hard labour as a punishment for gross cruelty to mui-tsai would, in our opinion, do more to protect them than any amount of legislation.

In order to deal with cases of cruelty by parents to their own children one would naturally look for some tightening up of the laws against cruelty, rather than for some legislation prohibiting parents from bringing their children into this Colony after the commencement of the Ordinance, and removing the mui-tsai system. This brings us to consider clause 4 of the Bill. The Attorney Gen-

eral in seeking to justify the passing of that clause, says—"the system lends itself to abuse, and grave abuse, in the hands of evil and unscrupulous persons." On this point I have ascertained that the Attorney-General meant to refer, in addition to cruelty to a possible seduction of mui-tsai by the employer or his family or to her being sold for immoral purposes.

But, Sir, surely the proper way to meet this latter evil is to put prominently into the forefront of the Bill (as the Unofficial Members propose) to do by amendment in Committee the fact that mui-tsai are entitled to the same protection as are other young girls under the provisions of the Women's and Girls' Protection Ordinance, 1897. That Ordinance (the provisions of which, together with the fact that it applies to mui-tsai, should be widely published by the Government) deals in the minutest possible manner, and under very heavy penalties, including in many cases the punishment of flogging, with traffic in women and girls (sec. 3) procurement of women and girls (sec. 4) defilement and procuring defilement of women and girls (secs. 5, 6 and 9) receiving or harbouring girls for immoral purposes (secs. 18 and 19) rape (sec. 21) and abduction (secs. 23 to 27).

And, whilst we are on the question of publication, we would express the hope that means will be taken by the Government to advertise, in the interests of mui-tsai, not only the above provisions of the women and girls' protection ordinance, but also the provisions of the present Bill, as they cannot be too widely known.

RIGHTS OF MUI-TSAI.

Let us now consider whether clause 4 of the Bill is desirable. As regards this point, the Attorney-General has pointed out that there is the danger that in attacking the practice of employing mui-tsai, we may increase the risks of neglect, kidnapping and prostitution. We, therefore, consider that clause 4 is undesirable.

Clause 4 of the Bill is also wholly unnecessary, in view of the language of clause 2 of the Bill which completely abolishes the whole system of employment of mui-tsai, as defined by Chinese custom, and entirely eliminates any vestige of proprietorship or quasi proprietorship in the employer. This aspect of the matter has engaged the most earnest and anxious attention of the Unofficial Members of Council, with the result, that they have arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable to alter the language of clauses 12, 13 and 14 of the Bill in Committee so as to make it abundantly clear that any mui-tsai of any age has the rights referred to in those three sections.

For the protection of the mui-tsai from evil-disposed persons, it is necessary to insert in clause 13 some words similar in effect to those at the end of clause 13 of the Bill, and it is therefore proposed to move in Committee the insertion between the words "may" and the word "leave" of the following words, namely:—"with the sanction of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs," and to insert the following new paragraph at the end of clause 13:—"In granting or withholding such sanction, as the case may be, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs shall pay regard solely to the interests and welfare of the mui-tsai."

Objections to registration. Clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill are also, in our opinion, objectionable because, for their effective working, they appear to involve some system of registration. In regard to the question of objections to registration, we desire to associate ourselves entirely with the remarks which will be made presently by the Senior Chinese Member. We feel that it is very easy and simple for Britons both here and in England, and also for the numerous Chinese in this Colony who do not employ mui-tsai to adopt a philosophic attitude on such matters, seeing that much registration cannot possibly give them, personally the slightest inconvenience.

In this connection we are forcibly reminded of the old story of the Irish landlord, who wrote to the Land League as follows:—

"If you think that you are going to frighten me by shooting at my Agent, you are very much mistaken. Moreover, Sir, in regard to these same matters, we cannot help reflecting that only about six months ago, when the question came up in this Council of the Europeanization of this Colony, being compelled to register their names, as being able to carry out certain essential duties in the event of a general strike, there was so much

general opposition raised by the Europeans in this Colony to compulsory registration that the Unofficial Members felt it incumbent upon them to move in this Council that that Bill be withdrawn; and that Bill was withdrawn accordingly. In the face of such a precedent, we think that the Government cannot consistently insist in this Bill on compulsory registration."

UNOFFICIAL'S PROPOSALS. Accordingly the course which the Unofficial Members would now ask the Government to adopt is as follows:—

1. To go into Committee of this Council forthwith.
2. To put clauses 4 and 5 of the Bill into Part III.
3. To transpose the sections of clause 6 of the Bill and to renumber it as 4, and to insert two new clauses, to be numbered 5 and 6, for the better protection of mui-tsai.
4. To put the whole of clause 7 of the Bill with the exception of (1) (a) into Part II.
5. To leave 7 (1) (a) and clauses 8, 9 and 10 in Part III of the Bill.
6. To put clauses 11 to 15 in Part II of the Bill, subject to certain amendments to clauses 12, 13 and 14, in the interests of the mui-tsai.
7. To leave clause 16 in Part III of the Bill.
8. To pass Part IV, as it is, subject to a slight necessary consequential amendment at the beginning of clause 17.
9. To omit clause 19.

In asking Your Excellency to put clauses 4 and 5 into Part III of the Bill, we would urge that, in view of the time and trouble spent by the Unofficial Members upon the consideration of this Bill they are at least entitled to have their views on those clauses and on the registration clauses laid before the Secretary of State for the Colonies, before the solid weight of the Official Vote is brought to bear in opposition to the unanimous views of the Unofficial Members. We do not ask for any further or longer delay than is necessary for the above purpose, and in the meantime (in fact, this very day) the other provisions of this Bill, which contains all its vital principles, will be placed on the statute book of this Colony. There are two vital principles in this Bill and the Unofficial Members of Council accept both of them. The first is the abolition of the mui-tsai system, and this is effected by clause 2 of the Bill, which gives the death-blow to the mui-tsai system as hitherto recognized and practised by Chinese custom.

The second principle is the provision for good treatment of mui-tsai. This is dealt with by clause 6 of the Bill.

All of the amendments which the Unofficial Members will move in Committee on this Bill are framed for the purpose of furthering and strengthening the above two vital principles of the Bill and for the protection of mui-tsai.

CHINESE VIEWS.

HON. MR. CHOW SHOU-SUN.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun said:—

SIR.—The Honourable Senior Unofficial Member having expressed the joint views of all the Unofficials, I would, ordinarily, have contented myself with merely endorsing his remarks; but in this case my Chinese colleagues and I have promised both the supporters and opponents of the Bill to repeat here their respective arguments, and to express our own views on this important subject which so intimately concerns the Chinese. I would therefore give the indulgence of this Honourable Council for so doing.

Since the Bill was read for the first time, meetings have been held by various sections of the Chinese Community to discuss it—by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, by the Kaifong at the Tung Wah Hospital, by thirteen Chinese Commercial Unions, the Anti-Mui-tsai Society, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and by the Chinese Labour Guilds. Views on the question have also been announced in both the English and Chinese Press. As representatives of the Chinese Community, the Honourable Mr. Ng and I welcomed such views which have helped us to no small extent in arriving at our own conclusions. The views expressed have resolved themselves into two broad divisions—one in support of the Bill almost in its entirety with certain amendments designed to strengthen it; the other in opposition to it as it now stands, though recognizing that the mui-tsai system has its evils.

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT.

Briefly the supporters of the Bill argue that:—
(1) The sale and purchase of human beings is a degrading and inhuman custom. It is tantamount to treating human beings as chattels and beasts, and it encourages kidnapping, prostitution and other crimes.

and liberty, are not paid for their labour, and can be re-sold at any time.

(8) There have been innumerable cases of ill-treatment and neglect of mui-tsai. There have also been some cases of employers seducing their mui-tsai, or selling them for immoral purposes. In all such cases it is very difficult for these girls, owing to their ignorance, to defy their employers.

(9) Child-drowning bears no relationship to the mui-tsai system inasmuch as in child-drowning the victim is invariably one or two days old, while girls sold as mui-tsai have generally attained the age of five or six years, an age at which they can be useful to their purchasers.

(10) The argument that the abolition of the system would lead to the starvation of a large number of poor children can be met by the argument that when employers lose the services of their mui-tsai they would have to employ paid servant-girls to take their place; and so the daughters of the poor, instead of being sold as chattels, would become paid servants.

(11) Mui-tsai keeping is not charity, but, on the contrary, tends to encourage selfish and mercenary men to part with their children in order to enable themselves to be more self-indulgent.

(12) To pass a law with the object of merely preventing cruelty would mean the preservation of the poison in the system by neglecting the source of the disease.

(13) Registration should not cause undue inconvenience and trouble. At present, schools, companies, births and deaths, and medical practitioners have to be registered, and no inconvenience has been experienced by the parties concerned.

(14) The system was abolished by law in China towards the end of the Manchu regime, and again at the beginning of the Republic; and if such could be done in so vast a country as China, there is no reason why it should not be done in this small Colony.

(15) Even if there were some flaws in the draft Bill, the proper way would be to omit them put in order to have them remedied, instead of asking that the whole Bill be withdrawn.

THE OTHER SIDE.

The arguments of the other side for the withdrawal of the Bill are, roughly as follows:—

(1) Mui-tsai are not slaves; and have never been so regarded in China either by law or by custom. When a mui-tsai is married, she is allowed to look upon the home of her former employer as her own home, and is treated as a member of the family.

(2) The lot of the majority of the mui-tsai in Hongkong is far better than that of the children of poor families in the interior of China. The former being much better fed and clothed. Their parents, if they so wish, are allowed to see them at regular intervals.

(3) Mui-tsai are not always sold; some poor people, having too many children and being unable to support them all, may present some to well-to-do families in order to enable them to be properly brought up and married off.

(4) It can truthfully be said that about ninety or even ninety-five per cent. of the mui-tsai in Hongkong are well-treated. Those employers who overwork or otherwise ill-treat their mui-tsai would not be deterred by registration, and the only remedy would seem to be imprisonment without the option of a fine in case of gross cruelty. If there are cases of ill-treatment of mui-tsai, there are also cases of ill-treatment of one's own children; a cruel-hearted person in a rage loses the sense of discrimination. Ill-treatment of children is not the fault of a system, but of individuals. The illustration that to take measures merely for preventing cruelty to mui-tsai, without abolishing the system, resembles leaving the poison in the system, is not as convincing as the one that to get rid of a ball on the head one does not cut off the head.

(5) Before the Bill, with its present, irksome provisions, becomes law, some people may send their mui-tsai to the interior to be sold, or given away or kept with friends. With the already over-populated state of the country, the condition of the mui-tsai would become worse as a direct outcome of the legislation.

(6) If mui-tsai of or over the age of eighteen are suddenly released from control when control is more than ever desirable, they may misuse their freedom in all sorts of ways, and so to rise there would in fact mean the removal of a necessary and salutary control.

(7) Continued on page 5.

The China Mail.

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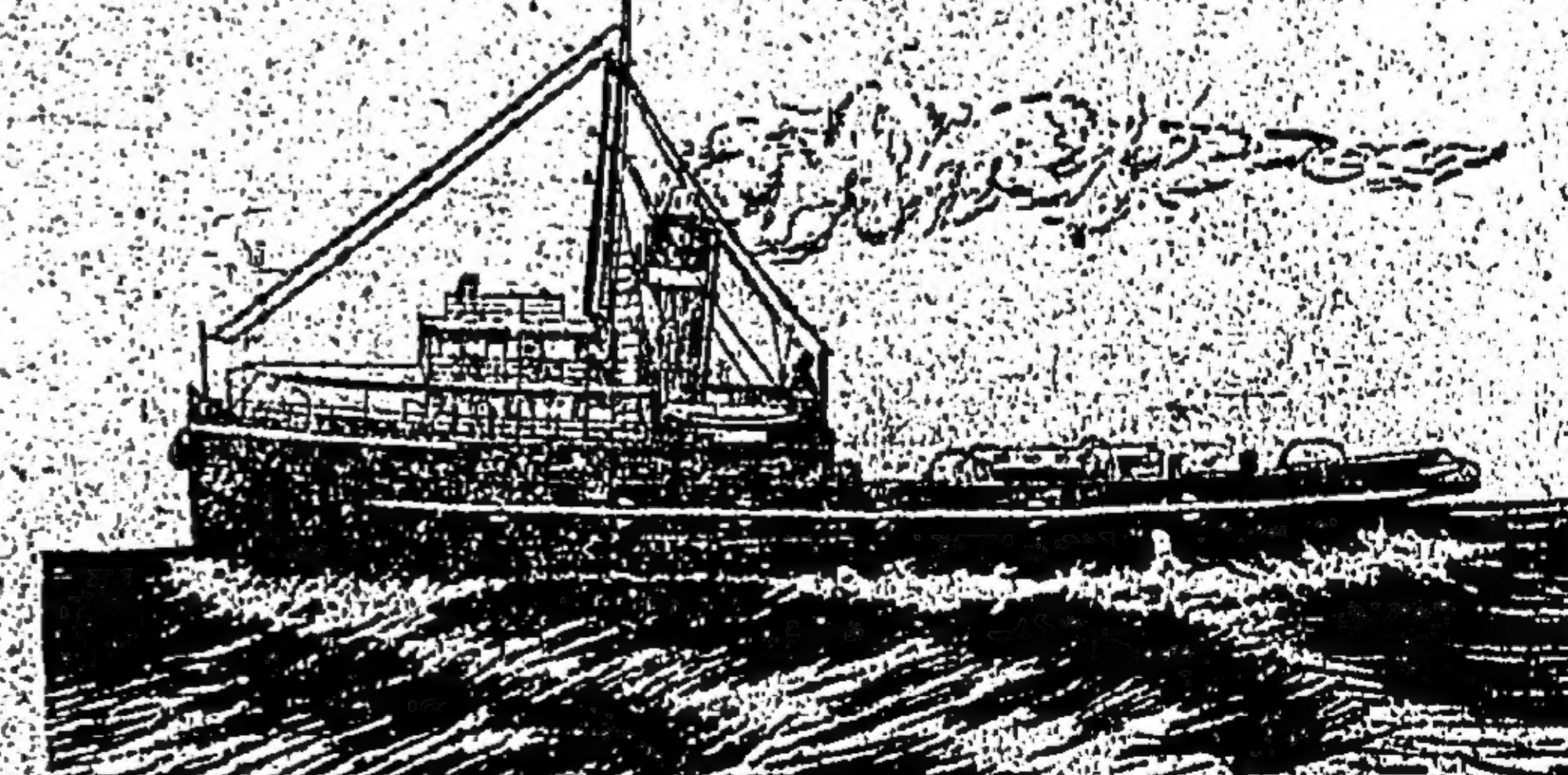
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Dr. and Mrs. Severn were supported on the platform by the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education), Mr. E. R. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools), Mr. B. Wyllie and Mr. U. Rumbiah (Members of the Board of Education), Mr. Ho Kom-tong, the Rev. G. T. Waldgrave (Commissioner of Boy Scouts) and Mr. R. E. O. Bird (Headmaster).

Mr. Bird read the school report as follows:—

"I have the sad duty of recording the death of our two chief Patrons, Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Lau Chi Pak. They were always present at our prize-givings and the loss to the school is very great indeed. Without their generosity this school would not have existed and given education to the great numbers that have passed through it. Their names should, and I believe, will always be remembered with gratitude by all old boys."

I have much pleasure in informing you that Mr. Lau Chi-pak has given two scholarships to Classes 5 and 6 for English Composition of the value of \$30 and \$20 respectively. They will be called the Mrs. Lau Chi-pak scholarships in honour of his mother. I feel that they will be a great stimulus for these classes to work hard to acquire a sound knowledge of the English language. The best thanks of the school are due to him for this encouragement of what is the most important subject in the school.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong has very kindly increased his scholarships here from \$60 to \$120. One scholarship of \$60 is now given to Class 4, one of \$30 to Class 5 and one of \$30 to Class 6. There has been very keen competition for these scholarships and I am sure that Mr. Ho Kom-tong will agree with me that the greatest return he can have for his generosity is that they have been worthily earned and I can assure him that last year this was certainly the case. This year in Class 5 there are over 120 boys and in Class 6 over 160. So I have no doubt the competition will be equally keen.

The maximum number on the roll last year was 676 and the average daily attendance 588. In only one month did the number of boys on the roll fall below 600.

To follow the changes of a kaleidoscope staff is a difficult task, but I may mention a few of the chief. At this time last year Mr. Evans was with us. In the spring he was sent to Kowloon British School and this school was left without an English Assistant Master until the return of Mr. Nycock on November 20. Mr. Ng Fung Chan was transferred to the Normal School as Head Master. He had been with us ever since the school was taken over by the Government. His work here was always very thorough and he has left a deep impression on the school. I congratulate him upon his well-earned promotion.

Misses Lo Ki-sen and Kuo Ping-ho both Graduates of the Hongkong University came here in June. They have made a good start. Mr. Ng Chang-sun, the Sportsmaster, has left us. Mr. Kwok Kam-fet and Mr. Yik Tat-tung after doing good work here, have resigned.

Miss Hall has continued the teaching of art which was introduced into the school shortly before last prize-giving. It is making good headway. As evidence of her influence are around us in great numbers, it is needless to dilate upon her work.

Singing was introduced into the lower classes during the year, partly by the idea of teaching English by its means. We have not yet had time to judge fully of its results, but at present they are quite promising. Miss Etheridge is in charge of this instruction and has been successful in inspiring her pupils with a love of the subject.

The Vernacular work which for so many years and so efficiently had been supervised by Mr. Ng Fung-chay is now under the charge of Mr. Lau Chi Pak, who has entered upon his new task with more energy than ever. We have every hope that the standard which was set by Mr. Ng Fung-chay will be kept up.

The Chinese and English have been very well patronized by the school. There is always a large number of who take advantage of the facilities offered and it helps them

to acquire a proficiency in both English and Chinese which they would otherwise lack. The post of Librarian is no secure and out thanks are due to Mr. Cheung Kei-in for the way in which he has fulfilled his duties.

The Boy Scouts are under Mr. Lau Kwan Shan. Two of them were awarded the gilt cross for gallantry for carrying a murdered man to the Police Station after everybody else in the district had run away. These medals were presented to the boys by His Excellency who congratulated them upon their bravery. In this connection I may mention that, while talking over the matter with Mr. Ho Wa-ching, a teacher who had been in the school since it was taken over by Government, he stated that no Chinese boy would have done this except a Boy Scout. I asked him why and he replied that Boy Scouts are trained to do this sort of thing without flinching. I thought this a very high compliment to the training of the Boy Scouts and also a very strong proof of the necessity of training more boys in this way. The Scouts held a successful camp at Chung Yuen, near Tai Po Market. They are now taking up basketball. Samples of their handiwork are on view and I think are very creditable to their industry and skill.

In games we have held our own. We direct our attention mostly to swimming and Volley Ball. The Small Boys' Team won the Relay Race at the H.A.A.P. Aquatic Sports last October and we carried off three other prizes. The school was taken out in launches on nine occasions for swimming to such places as Stonecutter's Island, Big Wave Bay, Silver Mine Bay and Island Bay and these trips were very much enjoyed by all the boys. On some occasions more than 400 boys were taken. I regret very much to say that one boy was drowned in the Y.M.C.A. bath last November. Boxing is carried on under the charge of Sergeant Marriott. We have had boys kidnapped during the year, but none from the Boxing Class.

The World Theatre was kindly lent to the boys to collect money for the Swatow Relief Fund. This was done at the suggestion of the boys and a very energetic Committee collected the sum of \$850 in small amounts. This was handed over to the Tung Wah Hospital to be forwarded.

The boys also of their own initiative collect every year a sum of money for the support of a Vernacular School for poor Chinese boys. The lower classes in the school, over 400 in number, attend the Y.M.C.A. regularly for drill and swimming lessons. It is hoped that this will bring them up to a higher standard of health and strength and we thank the Physical Department of the Y.M.C.A. for their valuable work in this respect.

You, Sir, first gave away the prizes here in January, 1916, and on every occasion since we have had the honour of your presence. I beg to thank you on behalf of the staff and boys for so kindly coming here again and offering the two Art Prizes for which there is always very keen competition. This year 35 boys competed. I beg to thank Mrs. Severn for coming here today and giving away the prizes. I know that their value is enhanced by receiving them from her hands. I beg also to thank Mr. Li Ping and Messrs. Cheong Sun for kindly presenting prizes to the school.

ART PRIZES.

Tai Yip Scholarship—Ng Ting Chak.
Lau Chi Pak Scholarship—Choi Fan Young.
Chan Kai Ming Scholarship—Lau Young Fan.

SCHOLARSHIPS 1922.

Liquidator—Ko Chin Lita.
Free Scholarships to Queen's College—Lee Pui Tong, Wai Tin Chung, Pau Tat Shing, Tso Po Shan and Fung Yan Lau.

Tai Yip Scholarship—Yeung Man Yik.

Half Fee Scholarships to Queen's College—Chak Fu Yee and Yik Kung Ting.

Lau Chi Pak Scholarship—Chiu U Chai.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship—Lam Wai Man.

Mrs. Lau Chi Pak Scholarship—Tam Kam Shau.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship—Hui Chak Keung.

Chan Kai Ming Scholarship—Lau Pui Ki.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship—Fung K Shun.

Mrs. Lau Chi Pak Scholarship—Fau Kun Tat.

PRIZE LIST.

ENGLISH CLASSES.

Class 4A—1st, Tung Man Pan; 2nd, Leung Yu Tsoi.

Class 4B—1st, Lo Kai In; 2nd, Lau Sam Tang.

Class 4C—1st, Chui Kai Sui; 2nd, Pun Yung Kwong.

Class 5A—1st, Chan Ping Tuen; 2nd, Leung Yik Ming.

Class 5B—1st, Wong Sing Cho; 2nd, Ho Kai Ho.

Class 5C—1st, Lo Nai Shun; 2nd, Lo Yau Chuen.

Class 6A—1st, Lo Yau Chuen; 2nd, Lo Yau Chuen.

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BURIED ALIVE UNDER HAYSTACK.

HELPLESS FATHER'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

With tears streaming down his cheeks, John Munro, an aged Scotch farmer, related at an Aberdeen inquest how he made a frantic but vain attempt to save the life of his son Robert, who, while engaged in cutting a haystack, in two, was suffocated by one of the halves falling on top of him.

The old man said that the method adopted was to cut the stack with a knife, and Robert had got one-half of the stack almost cut down when suddenly the other half fell on top of him and jammed tight against an adjoining stack. In response to the question "Are you there, Robert?" the father received the reply "Yes." He endeavoured to pull away the hay from his buried son, but with his feeble efforts he did not make much progress, but continued to keep up a conversation with the buried man. Altogether he received six replies, the first three being clear, but the last three were faint. This continued for about twenty minutes, when suddenly the son stopped answering.

A neighbouring farmer, hearing the father's cries, rushed to the scene and pulled away the hay, to find the buried man sitting with his knees up to his chin and showing no signs of life. Efforts were made to restore animation, but without result, and when a doctor arrived he certified death due to suffocation. The jury returned a formal verdict of accidental death.

Class 6A—1st, Lo Sik Chuen, F.S. to Class 5; 1st, Li Ming Chan; 2nd, Wu Yung U.

Class 6B—1st, Wong Fuk Yuen; 2nd, Ip Wang Chi.

Class 6C—1st, Chan Kai Leung; 2nd, Ip Kai Wa.

Class 6D—1st, Lai Ping Wa; 2nd, Lui Kwok Hing.

Class 6E—1st, Li Yiu Wa; 2nd, Yau Chan Pan.

Class 6F—1st, Chan Tin Wa; 2nd, Ng Hung Chai.

Class 6G—1st, Wong Yee Cho; 2nd, Chun Ming Ki.

Class 6H—1st, Ip Shing Hoi, F.C. to Class 6; 1st, Ho Kwung Cho; 2nd, Ma Kiu To.

Class 6I—1st, Kwok Kwong To; 2nd, Ma Ting Chung.

Class 6J—1st, Wong Kam Shuen; 2nd, Leung Kin Fan.

Class 6K—1st, Ho Yan Chin, F.S. to Class 7; 1st, Lau Kam Wing; 2nd, Ho Wing Kam.

Class 6L—1st, Wong Man Wai; 2nd, Au Hung Nin.

Class 6M—1st, Lo Hoi Iu; 2nd, Tsang Hing Foo.

Class 6N—1st, Ho Cham Tong; 2nd, Wu Wing Fook.

Class 6O—1st, Li Yue Sing; 2nd, Chan Pui Wing.

Class 6P—1st, Au Kam Chung; 2nd, Li Wing Kiu.

Class 6Q—1st, Li Hau Kwong; 2nd, Li Chun Ting.

Class 6R—1st, Li Pui Tong; 2nd, Chak Fu I; 3rd, Wai In Chung.

Class 6S—1st, Chan Ping Tuen; 2nd, Kwok Kwai Kit; 3rd, Ng Ket Luk.

Class 6T—1st, Liu Kwok Hing; 2nd, Lau Lin Pan, 3rd, Wu Yung U.

Class 6U—1st, Lo Wing Ki; 2nd, Ho Kwong Cho; 3rd, Leung So.

Class 6V—1st, Tai So; 2nd, Liu Pun In; 3rd, Fung Hung.

ART PRIZES.

Presented by the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.

1st—Lau Mo Leung.

2nd—Chan Ping Yu.

Leung Kam Chuen was commended.

DR. SEVERN'S SPEECH.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Severn said that they all joined with Mr. Bird in the expression of deep regret at the death of Sir Ellis Kadoorie and Mr. Lau Chi Pak. As Mr. Bird had said, they had always been present at these gatherings of the school. "Sir Ellis has been interested in Education," he said, "as well as in the school, and his loss to Education was a very great one." Mr. Lau, Dr. Severn said, "was educated in Hongkong, and he had shown his gratitude by his numerous benefactions to this school as well as others."

Proceeding, Dr. Severn said that he was glad to see so many of those interested in Education gathered in that Hall. Mr. Ho Kom-tong had been a constant visitor to the school at these gatherings for a good number of years. Amongst the new faces were Mr. Wylie and Mr. Rumbiah, members of the Board of Education, and the Rev. Waldgrave, who had done much for the Boy Scouts movement since his arrival in the Colony. He then proceeded to congratulate the school on the very satisfactory report they had just heard read, and the very fine exhibition of paintings, the standard of which he assured them that they could not have a better teacher for this branch of the school work than Miss Hall.

YACHT CLUB GALA.

NEW BOWLING GREEN.

OPENING CEREMONY TO-MORROW.

To-morrow the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club have arranged an interesting programme of sailing events to mark the opening of the New Bowling Green, which was presented last year by Mr. Smyth, during his term of office as Commodore.

Owing to the long spell of dry weather the green is not yet in first class condition but sporting it not highly scientific play may be expected. The green is large enough for three full sized nines and Members are looking forward to a very pleasant afternoon.

While the bowling games are in progress short sailing races for service boats and racing yachts will take place. The courses selected have been chosen with a view to the whole course as far as possible being in sight of the Club grounds. Racing Yachts will pass round the mark in front of Club House from West to East to a mark boat off Kowloon Point, thence to a mark boat off Ho's Wharf and back to the starting line twice round, thus spectators will be able to closely follow the progress of the races throughout.

Additional interest attaches to these races as the majority of the boats will be sailed by Naval Officers. Three events have been arranged for service boats of the Wardens in Harbour, starting from the Tamar line, passing in view of the Yacht Club and finishing at the Club House. These races can easily be followed as distinguishing letters and numbers are marked on the sails.

Given fine weather, an agreeable afternoon may be anticipated. Arrangements for conveyance by launch and motor bus have been made.

Tea will be served and the "Hawkins" Band will play on the lawn.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

TO-MORROW'S GAMES.

The following games take place to-morrow:—

INTER-TRIAL.

The Probable XI v. H. M. S. Hawkins.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m. sharp.

LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION.

Police v. University Club ground.

Hawkins v. St. Joseph's Navy "A" ground.

United v. Kowloon United ground.

South China "A" v. Dorban, St. Joseph's ground.

South China "B" v. Ambrose, Sookumpoo "A" ground.

Titanic v. Auxiliaries, Navy "B" ground.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

The only game to take place at 5 p.m. will be that of the Inter-trial, the probable team meeting the League team of the Hawkins.

A fine game should be seen and the Probables will have to go all out to win. The game will be of 45 minutes each way. Extra stand accommodation has been provided and the charge for admission will be the same as before, ladies being free.

There are six Second Division games down for decision, and that of the Hawkins v. St. Joseph's has some bearing on the League, both teams have lost one game. If they win tomorrow they will very probably lose their position in the League Table.

The College will be without Omas who injured his wrist last week. I expect to see the Sailors win.

Titanic should secure an easy win over the Auxiliaries, and South China "B" will I think be too good for the Ambrose.

United meet Kowloon and a very even game should end in a draw.

Durban will beat the Chinese "A" team and the police will be lucky if they manage to score a point.

Shanghai are sending down fourteen players and a Manager and will arrive by the "President Jackson" on Friday afternoon. That actual team that will play in the Inter-trial game will be known very soon.

Full particulars will be published under these notes on Thursday next.

FOOTBALL.

U.A.C. v. KOWLOON.

The following will represent the United in above second division league fixture to-morrow at the home ground. Kick off 2.45 p.m. sharp. (Capt.) Jackson, Philip, (Goal.) Jackson, Chubb, Derry, Brown, Black and Albarn.

The French Gunner, Captain, arrived in port on Friday 2.45 p.m. and the morning and evening local matches with H.M.S. "Diomed" and the shore battery at Signal Hill, Kowloon.

But for the warning given by a member of the gang, the "Fatshan" belonging to the China Navigation Company, might have been pirated on her trip from Canton to Hongkong yesterday.

Shortly after six o'clock on Wednesday evening, a young man excitedly entered the commodore's office of the "Fatshan" then lying alongside her wharf at Canton. He had a statement to make and asked the people inside to save his life. The stranger drew from his clothes a new nine-chambered revolver which he handed to the Commodore. He then recited a dramatic story of how he had been "ordered" to manhandle, with the rest of his gang as passengers, to pirate the ship on her down trip the next day.

When brought to the Captain, he repeated his story adding that the "Hongshan" was to have brought about fifty men who were to do the pirating. The Captain immediately interviewed the British Consul, the Customs Authorities and the agents and arrangements were made to give the ship what protection she required for her trip.

Next morning, searchers were posted on the wharf and only one passenger permitted to enter at a time. At 8 a.m. the ship left as usual, but the passengers were not put on board till Whampoa was reached. From here onwards H. M. S. Moorhen followed at a short distance. On board special men were detailed as guards to various parts of the ship, special attention being paid to a company of about thirty men in the second class whose movements were suspicious and who did not appear to be of the usual type of passenger. Telegrams were sent to Hongkong and a police launch with a strong contingent went out to meet the "Fatshan."

When the "Moorhen" made her appearance the alleged gang became uneasy. One man drew particular attention by continually going to the ship's side as though expecting something. At Harrow, eight rowing boats all heavily manned were seen, both the boats and crews being strange to the environment. Here the man jumped overboard, apparently in an endeavour to swim to the rowing boats. The delusion is that the boats contained confederates of the gang and were waiting to take off the foot and pirates at the rendezvous according to pre-arranged plans. A boat was lowered from the "Moorhen" and picked up the man. The "Fatshan" was boarded by the Police outside the harbour and all the passengers and their luggage were searched. As far as can be gathered no arms were found but a few who looked suspicious were closely examined.

During the voyage, the informer was confined in a first class cabin. He was handed over to the Police on arrival. At the wharf, a number of passengers were detained for enquiries. It is understood that some of General Shum Hung-ying's subordinates were travelling with their relatives on the "Fatshan" and according to the informer, the gang had information that some wealthy passengers were to travel by the ship.

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

The monthly water return shows a storage in the reservoirs on the Island of 919 million gallons on February 1, compared with 1,175 million gallons on the same date last year. Consumption during January amounted to 187 million gallons against 240 million gallons last year. On the mainland, the storage is 631 million gallons against 221 million gallons last, and last month's consumption was 75 million gallons against 48 million gallons in January 1922. The decrease in consumption on the Island was due to the intermittent supply in all river main districts this year, while last year it was in force only in the Western districts. At Kowloon the supply was constant during January in both years.

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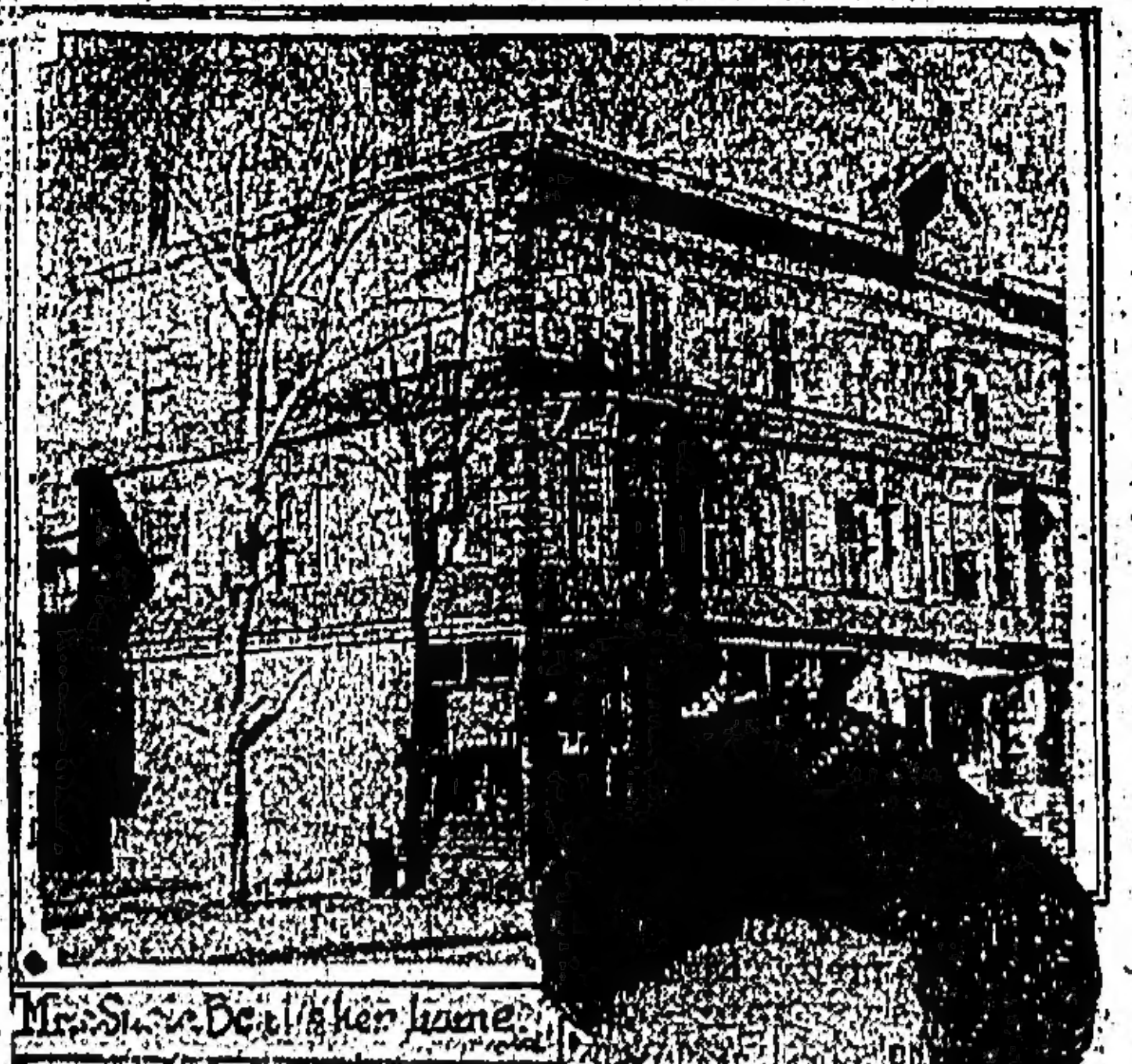
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Captain Charles Pike, of the United States Army Medical Bureau, is shown enjoying his dinner in the Crown Point (Indiana) Jail, where he is held on charges preferred by the father of his present wife, Mrs. Frances Heils Pike, that he is a bigamist. "Mrs. Marjory Pike" alleges she is the wife of the army officer. Despite her father's action, the present Mrs. Pike rushed to her husband's defence.



Terrible fire which the cable reported having swept through Astoria, Oregon. The damage to property amounted to \$15,000,000.



Mrs. Susan Decker, who lives on the second floor of this humble little home claims to be heiress to a \$250,000,000 property in lower Manhattan Island, New York City. A recently discovered will purports to show that Princess Annette Jan Bogardus, Mrs. Decker's great-great-grandmother, did not barter away the tip of New York for two bushels of corn, and under this Mrs. Decker claims the land on which such buildings as the Woodworth, Singer Tower, City Hall and other Broadway structures stand. She declares the long-term lease on the land expired last April.



The little son of Mrs. Albert Chapman contracted pneumonia, and the parents were unable to get coal enough to heat their home. Dr. Frederick Bailey solved the problem by gravely writing a "prescription" that coal was as necessary to save the baby's life as medicine—and the coal dealer filled the prescription without question.



Mr. Newcombe Carlton, President of the Western Union Telegraph Co., has just made a business and pleasure trip in Europe.



Baron Hanikara, Japanese Foreign Minister, has been appointed Ambassador to the United States. He succeeds Ambassador Shidebata.



William H. Gilmore who established a world's record in the production of air-dried, shelled corn when he produced an average of 194.31 bushels on ten acres.



These miners are really Governors of American States, with their wives, taken during their recent conference in White Sulphur Springs. Donning miners' garb, they descended the Glen White Coal Mine to the 370 foot level, whence they rode for a mile in little coal cars.



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